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Embedded - FPGAs, or Field Programmable Gate Arrays, are advanced integrated circuits that offer unparalleled flexibility and performance for digital systems. Unlike traditional fixed-function logic devices, FPGAs can be programmed and reprogrammed to execute a wide array of logical operations, enabling customized functionality tailored to specific applications. This reprogrammability allows developers to iterate designs quickly and implement complex functions without the need for custom hardware.

Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications.

Details	
Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	1232
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	-
Total RAM Bits	-
Number of I/O	140
Number of Gates	8000
Voltage - Supply	4.5V ~ 5.5V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-55°C ~ 125°C (TC)
Package / Case	176-BCPGA
Supplier Device Package	176-CPGA (39.88x39.88)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microsemi/a1280a-1pg176m

1 – ACT 2 Family Overview

General Description

The ACT 2 family represents Actel's second generation of field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs). The ACT 2 family presents a two-module architecture, consisting of C-modules and S-modules. These modules are optimized for both combinatorial and sequential designs. Based on Actel's patented channeled array architecture, the ACT 2 family provides significant enhancements to gate density and performance while maintaining downward compatibility with the ACT 1 design environment and upward compatibility with the ACT 3 design environment. The devices are implemented in silicon gate, 1.0-µm, two-level metal CMOS, and employ Actel's PLICE® antifuse technology. This revolutionary architecture offers gate array design flexibility, high performance, and fast time-to-production with user programming. The ACT 2 family is supported by the Designer and Designer Advantage Systems, which offers automatic pin assignment, validation of electrical and design rules, automatic placement and routing, timing analysis, user programming, and diagnostic probe capabilities. The systems are supported on the following platforms: 386/486™ PC, Sun™, and HP™ workstations. The systems provide CAE interfaces to the following design environments: Cadence, Viewlogic®, Mentor Graphics®, and OrCAD™.

2 – Detailed Specifications

Operating Conditions

Table 2-1 • **Absolute Maximum Ratings[1]**

Symbol	Parameter	Limits	Units
VCC	DC supply voltage	–0.5 to +7.0	V
VI	Input voltage	–0.5 to VCC + 0.5	V
VO	Output voltage	–0.5 to VCC + 0.5	V
IIO	I/O source sink current[2]	±20	mA
T_{STG}	Storage temperature	–65 to +150	°C

Notes:

1. *Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Device should not be operated outside the recommended operating conditions.*
2. *Device inputs are normally high impedance and draw extremely low current. However, when input voltage is greater than VCC + 0.5 V for less than GND –0.5 V, the internal protection diodes will be forward biased and can draw excessive current.*

Table 2-2 • **Recommended Operating Conditions**

Parameter	Commercial	Industrial	Military	Units
Temperature range*	0 to +70	–40 to +85	–55 to +125	°C
Power supply tolerance	±5	±10	±10	%VCC

*Note: *Ambient temperature (T_A) is used for commercial and industrial; case temperature (T_C) is used for military.*

Package Thermal Characteristics

The device junction to case thermal characteristic is θjc, and the junction to ambient air characteristic is θja. The thermal characteristics for θja are shown with two different air flow rates.

Maximum junction temperature is 150°C.

A sample calculation of the absolute maximum power dissipation allowed for a PQ160 package at commercial temperature and still air is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Max. junction temp. (°C)} - \text{Max. ambient temp. (°C)}}{\theta_{ja}\text{°C/W}} = \frac{150\text{°C} - 70\text{°C}}{33\text{°C/W}} = 2.4\ \text{W}$$

EQ 1

Table 2-4 • **Package Thermal Characteristics**

Package Type*	**Pin Count**	θ_{jc}	θ_{ja} **Still Air**	θ_{ja} **300 ft./min.**	**Units**
Ceramic Pin Grid Array	100	5	35	17	°C/W
	132	5	30	15	°C/W
	176	8	23	12	°C/W
Ceramic Quad Flatpack	172	8	25	15	°C/W
Plastic Quad Flatpack[1]	100	13	48	40	°C/W
	144	15	40	32	°C/W
	160	15	38	30	°C/W
Plastic Leaded Chip Carrier	84	12	37	28	°C/W
Very Thin Quad Flatpack	100	12	43	35	°C/W
Thin Quad Flatpack	176	15	32	25	°C/W

Notes: (Maximum Power in Still Air)

1. *Maximum power dissipation values for PQFP packages are 1.9 W (PQ100), 2.3 W (PQ144), and 2.4 W (PQ160).*
2. *Maximum power dissipation for PLCC packages is 2.7 W.*
3. *Maximum power dissipation for VQFP packages is 2.3 W.*
4. *Maximum power dissipation for TQFP packages is 3.1 W.*

Power Dissipation

$$P = [I_{CC\ standby} + I_{CCactive}] * V_{CC} + I_{OL} * V_{OL} * N + I_{OH} * (V_{CC} - V_{OH}) * M$$

EQ 2

where:

$I_{CC\ standby}$ is the current flowing when no inputs or outputs are changing

$I_{CCactive}$ is the current flowing due to CMOS switching.

I_{OL} and I_{OH} are TTL sink/source currents.

V_{OL} and V_{OH} are TTL level output voltages.

N is the number of outputs driving TTL loads to V_{OL}.

M is the number of outputs driving TTL loads to V_{OH}.

An accurate determination of N and M is problematical because their values depend on the family type, design details, and on the system I/O. The power can be divided into two components: static and active.

To calculate the active power dissipated from the complete design, the switching frequency of each part of the logic must be known. EQ 4 shows a piece-wise linear summation over all components.

$$\text{Power} = VCC^2 * [(m * C_{EQM} * f_m)_{modules} + (n * C_{EQI} * f_n)_{inputs}$$
$$+ (p * (C_{EQO} + C_L) * fp)_{outputs}$$
$$+ 0.5 * (q1 * C_{EQCR} * f_{q1})_{routed\_Clk1} + (r1 * f_{q1})_{routed\_Clk1}$$
$$+ 0.5 * (q2 * C_{EQCR} * f_{q2})_{routed\_Clk2} + (r_2 * f_{q2})_{routed\_Clk2}$$

EQ 4

Where:

m = Number of logic modules switching at f_m

n = Number of input buffers switching at f_n

p = Number of output buffers switching at f_p

q1 = Number of clock loads on the first routed array clock

q2 = Number of clock loads on the second routed array clock

r_1 = Fixed capacitance due to first routed array clock

r_2 = Fixed capacitance due to second routed array clock

C_{EQM} = Equivalent capacitance of logic modules in pF

C_{EQI} = Equivalent capacitance of input buffers in pF

C_{EQO} = Equivalent capacitance of output buffers in pF

C_{EQCR} = Equivalent capacitance of routed array clock in pF

C_L = Output lead capacitance in pF

f_m = Average logic module switching rate in MHz

f_n = Average input buffer switching rate in MHz

f_p = Average output buffer switching rate in MHz

f_{q1} = Average first routed array clock rate in MHz

f_{q2} = Average second routed array clock rate in MHz

Table 2-7 • **Fixed Capacitance Values for Microsemi FPGAs**

Device Type	r1, routed_Clk1	r2, routed_Clk2
A1225A	106	106.0
A1240A	134	134.2
A1280A	168	167.8

Parameter Measurement

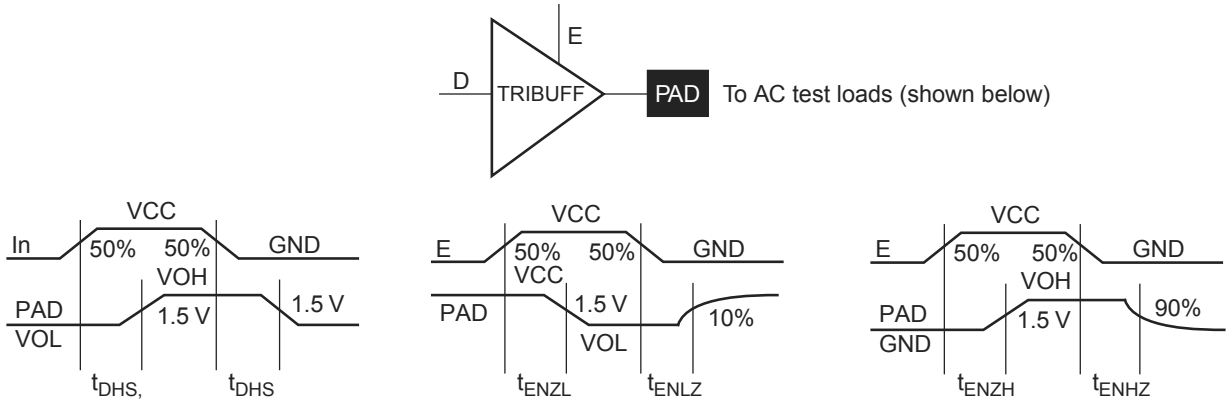


Figure 2-2 • **Output Buffer Delays**

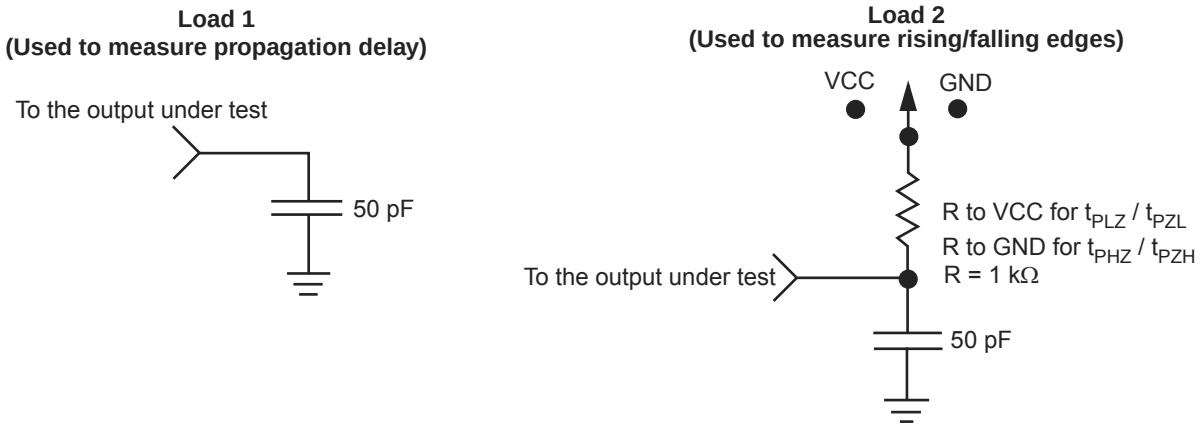


Figure 2-3 • **AC Test Loads**

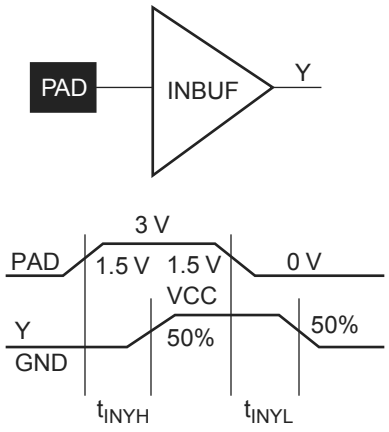


Figure 2-4 • **Input Buffer Delays**

Timing Derating Factor (Temperature and Voltage)

Table 2-9 • **Timing Derating Factor (Temperature and Voltage)**

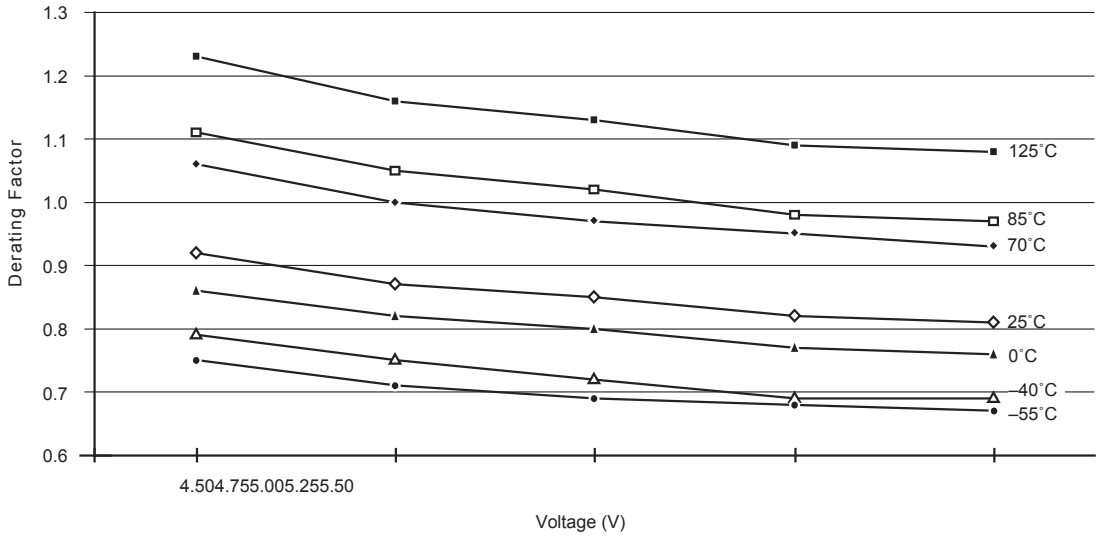
(Commercial Minimum/Maximum Specification) x	Industrial		Military	
	Min.	**Max.**	**Min.**	Max.
	0.69	1.11	0.67	1.23

Table 2-10 • **Timing Derating Factor for Designs at Typical Temperature (T_J = 25°C) and Voltage (5.0 V)**

(Commercial Maximum Specification) x	0.85

Table 2-11 • **Temperature and Voltage Derating Factors (normalized to Worst-Case Commercial, TJ = 4.75 V, 70°C)**

	–55	**–40**	**0**	**25**	**70**	**85**	**125**
4.50	0.75	0.79	0.86	0.92	1.06	1.11	1.23
4.75	0.71	0.75	0.82	0.87	1.00	1.05	1.13
5.00	0.69	0.72	0.80	0.85	0.97	1.02	1.13
5.25	0.68	0.69	0.77	0.82	0.95	0.98	1.09
5.50	0.67	0.69	0.76	0.81	0.93	0.97	1.08



Note: This derating factor applies to all routing and propagation delays.

Figure 2-9 • **Junction Temperature and Voltage Derating Curves (normalized to Worst-Case Commercial, T_J = 4.75 V, 70°C)**

A1225A Timing Characteristics (continued)

***Table 2-13* • A1225A Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCC = 4.75 V, T_J = 70°C**

I/O Module Input Propagation Delays			–2 Speed		–1 Speed		Std. Speed		Units
Parameter/Description			**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	
t_{INYH}	Pad to Y High			2.9		3.3		3.8	ns
t_{INYL}	Pad to Y Low			2.6		3.0		3.5	ns
t_{INGH}	G to Y High			5.0		5.7		6.6	ns
t_{INGL}	G to Y Low			4.7		5.4		6.3	ns
Input Module Predicted Input Routing Delays*									
t_{IRD1}	FO = 1 Routing Delay			4.1		4.6		5.4	ns
t_{IRD2}	FO = 2 Routing Delay			4.6		5.2		6.1	ns
t_{IRD3}	FO = 3 Routing Delay			5.3		6.0		7.1	ns
t_{IRD4}	FO = 4 Routing Delay			5.7		6.4		7.6	ns
t_{IRD8}	FO = 8 Routing Delay			7.4		8.3		9.8	ns
Global Clock Network									
t_{CKH}	Input Low to High	FO = 32		10.2		11.0		12.8	ns
		FO = 256		11.8		13.0		15.7	
t_{CKL}	Input High to Low	FO = 32		10.2		11.0		12.8	ns
		FO = 256		12.0		13.2		15.9	
t_{PWH}	Minimum Pulse Width High	FO = 32	3.4		4.1		4.5		ns
		FO = 256	3.8		4.5		5.0		
t_{PWL}	Minimum Pulse Width Low	FO = 32	3.4		4.1		4.5		ns
		FO = 256	3.8		4.5		5.0		
t_{CKSW}	Maximum Skew	FO = 32		0.7		0.7		0.7	ns
		FO = 256		3.5		3.5		3.5	
t_{SUEXT}	Input Latch External Setup	FO = 32	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
		FO = 256	0.0		0.0		0.0		
t_{HEXT}	Input Latch External Hold	FO = 32	7.0		7.0		7.0		ns
		FO = 256	11.2		11.2		11.2		
t_P	Minimum Period	FO = 32	7.7		8.3		9.1		ns
		FO = 256	8.1		8.8		10.0		
f_{MAX}	Maximum Frequency	FO = 32		130.0		120.0		110.0	ns
		FO = 256		125.0		115.0		100.0	

*Note: *These parameters should be used for estimating device performance. Optimization techniques may further reduce delays by 0 to 4 ns. Routing delays are for typical designs across worst-case operating conditions. Post-route timing analysis or simulation is required to determine actual worst-case performance. Post-route timing is based on actual routing delay measurements performed on the device prior to shipment.*

A1225A Timing Characteristics (continued)

***Table 2-14* • A1225A Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCC = 4.75 V, T_J = 70°C**

TTL Output Module Timing[1]		–2 Speed		–1 Speed		Std. Speed		Units
Parameter/Description		**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	
t_{DLH}	Data to Pad High		8.0		9.0		10.6	ns
t_{DHL}	Data to Pad Low		10.1		11.4		13.4	ns
t_{ENZH}	Enable Pad Z to High		8.9		10.0		11.8	ns
t_{ENZL}	Enable Pad Z to Low		11.6		13.2		15.5	ns
t_{ENHZ}	Enable Pad High to Z		7.1		8.0		9.4	ns
t_{ENLZ}	Enable Pad Low to Z		8.3		9.5		11.1	ns
t_{GLH}	G to Pad High		8.9		10.2		11.9	ns
t_{GHL}	G to Pad Low		11.2		12.7		14.9	ns
d_{TLH}	Delta Low to High		0.07		0.08		0.09	ns/pF
d_{THL}	Delta High to Low		0.12		0.13		0.16	ns/pF
CMOS Output Module Timing[1]								
t_{DLH}	Data to Pad High		10.1		11.5		13.5	ns
t_{DHL}	Data to Pad Low		8.4		9.6		11.2	ns
t_{ENZH}	Enable Pad Z to High		8.9		10.0		11.8	ns
t_{ENZL}	Enable Pad Z to Low		11.6		13.2		15.5	ns
t_{ENHZ}	Enable Pad High to Z		7.1		8.0		9.4	ns
t_{ENLZ}	Enable Pad Low to Z		8.3		9.5		11.1	ns
t_{GLH}	G to Pad High		8.9		10.2		11.9	ns
t_{GHL}	G to Pad Low		11.2		12.7		14.9	ns
d_{TLH}	Delta Low to High		0.12		0.13		0.16	ns/pF
d_{THL}	Delta High to Low		0.09		0.10		0.12	ns/pF

Notes:

1. *Delays based on 50 pF loading.*
2. *SSO information can be found at www.microsemi.com/soc/techdocs/appnotes/board_consideration.aspx.*

A1280A Timing Characteristics

***Table 2-18* • A1280A Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCC = 4.75 V, T_J = 70°C**

Logic Module Propagation Delays[1]		**–2 Speed[3]**		**–1 Speed**		**Std. Speed**		**Units**
Parameter/Description		**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	
t_{PD1}	Single Module		3.8		4.3		5.0	ns
t_{CO}	Sequential Clock to Q		3.8		4.3		5.0	ns
t_{GO}	Latch G to Q		3.8		4.3		5.0	ns
t_{RS}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Reset to Q		3.8		4.3		5.0	ns
Predicted Routing Delays[2]								
t_{RD1}	FO = 1 Routing Delay		1.7		2.0		2.3	ns
t_{RD2}	FO = 2 Routing Delay		2.5		2.8		3.3	ns
t_{RD3}	FO = 3 Routing Delay		3.0		3.4		4.0	ns
t_{RD4}	FO = 4 Routing Delay		3.7		4.2		4.9	ns
t_{RD8}	FO = 8 Routing Delay		6.7		7.5		8.8	ns
Sequential Timing Characteristics[3,4]								
t_{SUD}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Data Input Setup	0.4		0.4		0.5		ns
t_{HD}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Data Input Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{SUENA}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Enable Setup	0.8		0.9		1.0		ns
t_{HENA}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Enable Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{WCLKA}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Clock Active Pulse Width	5.5		6.0		7.0		ns
t_{WASYN}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Clock Asynchronous Pulse Width	5.5		6.0		7.0		ns
t_A	Flip-Flop Clock Input Period	11.7		13.3		18.0		ns
t_{INH}	Input Buffer Latch Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{INSU}	Input Buffer Latch Setup	0.4		0.4		0.5		ns
t_{OUTH}	Output Buffer Latch Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{OUTSU}	Output Buffer Latch Setup	0.4		0.4		0.5		ns
f_{MAX}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Clock Frequency		85.0		75.0		50.0	MHz

Notes:

1. *For dual-module macros, use $t_{PD1} + t_{RD1} + t_{PDn}$, $t_{CO} + t_{RD1} + t_{PDn}$, or $t_{PD1} + t_{RD1} + t_{SUD}$—whichever is appropriate.*
2. *Routing delays are for typical designs across worst-case operating conditions. These parameters should be used for estimating device performance. Post-route timing analysis or simulation is required to determine actual worst-case performance. Post-route timing is based on actual routing delay measurements performed on the device prior to shipment.*
3. *Data applies to macros based on the S-module. Timing parameters for sequential macros constructed from C-modules can be obtained from the DirectTime Analyzer utility.*
4. *Setup and hold timing parameters for the Input Buffer Latch are defined with respect to the PAD and the D input. External setup/hold timing parameters must account for delay from an external PAD signal to the G inputs. Delay from an external PAD signal to the G input subtracts (adds) to the internal setup (hold) time.*

PL84			
Pin Number	**A1225A Function**	**A1240A Function**	**A1280A Function**
2	CLKB, I/O	CLKB, I/O	CLKB, I/O
4	PRB, I/O	PRB, I/O	PRB, I/O
6	GND	GND	GND
10	DCLK, I/O	DCLK, I/O	DCLK, I/O
12	MODE	MODE	MODE
22	VCC	VCC	VCC
23	VCC	VCC	VCC
28	GND	GND	GND
43	VCC	VCC	VCC
49	GND	GND	GND
52	SDO	SDO	SDO
63	GND	GND	GND
64	VCC	VCC	VCC
65	VCC	VCC	VCC
70	GND	GND	GND
76	SDI, I/O	SDI, I/O	SDI, I/O
81	PRA, I/O	PRA, I/O	PRA, I/O
83	CLKA, I/O	CLKA, I/O	CLKA, I/O
84	VCC	VCC	VCC

Notes:

1. All unlisted pin numbers are user I/Os.
2. MODE pin should be terminated to GND through a 10K resistor to enable Actionprobe usage; otherwise it can be terminated directly to GND.

PQ100	
Pin Number	**A1225A Function**
2	DCLK, I/O
4	MODE
9	GND
16	VCC
17	VCC
22	GND
34	GND
40	VCC
46	GND
52	SDO
57	GND
64	GND

PQ100	
Pin Number	**A1225A Function**
65	VCC
66	VCC
67	VCC
72	GND
79	SDI, I/O
84	GND
87	PRA, I/O
89	CLKA, I/O
90	VCC
92	CLKB, I/O
94	PRB, I/O
96	GND

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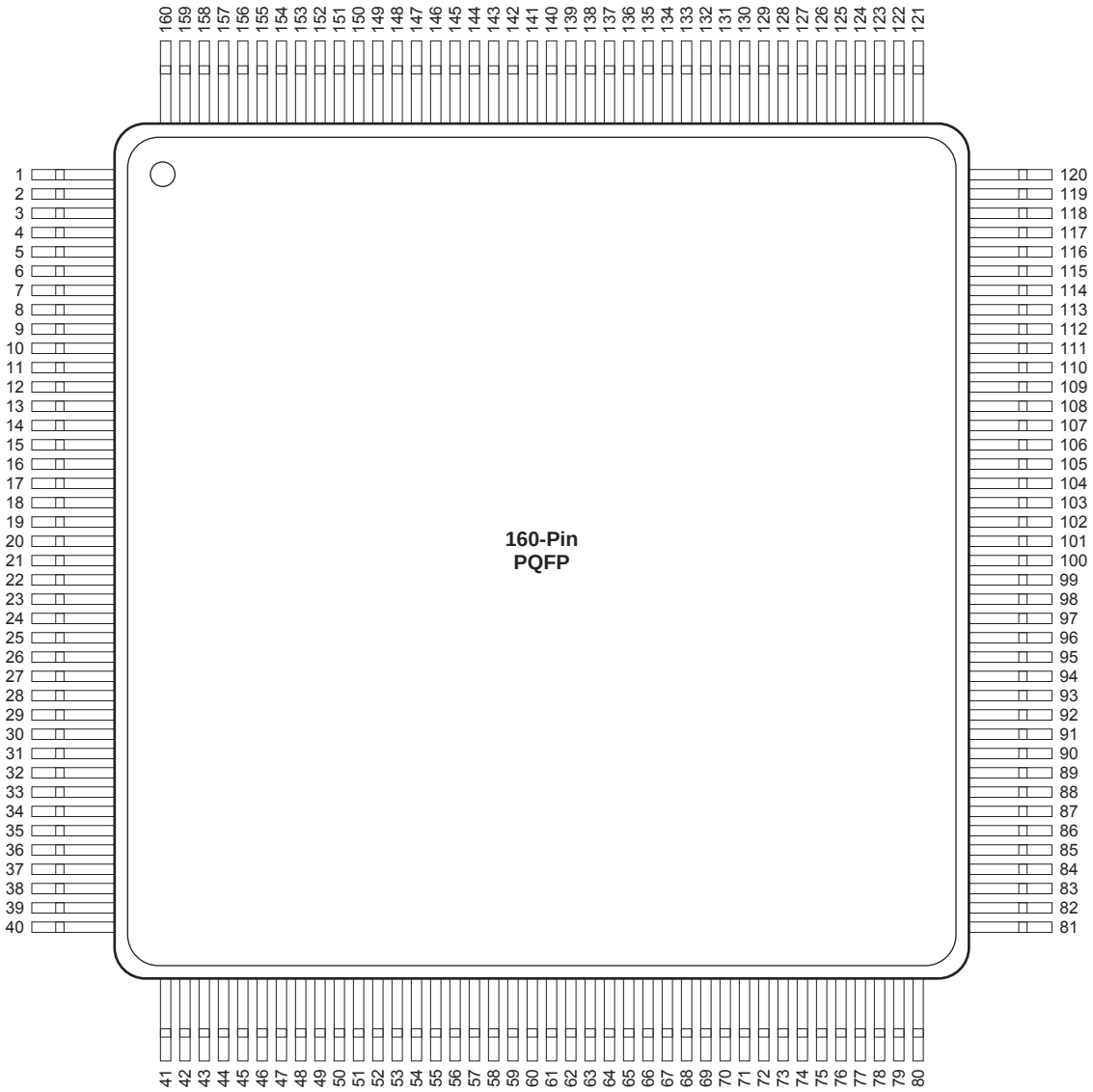
PQ160



Note: This is the top view of the package

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PQ160	
Pin Number	**A1280A Function**
2	DCLK, I/O
6	VCC
11	GND
16	PRB, I/O
18	CLKB, I/O
20	VCC
21	CLKA, I/O
23	PRA, I/O
30	GND
35	VCC
38	SDI, I/O
40	GND
44	GND
49	GND
54	VCC
57	VCC
58	VCC
59	GND
60	VCC
61	GND
64	GND

PQ160	
Pin Number	**A1280A Function**
69	GND
80	GND
82	SDO
86	VCC
89	GN
98	GND
99	GND
109	GND
114	VCC
120	GND
125	GND
130	GND
135	VCC
138	VCC
139	VCC
140	GND
145	GND
150	VCC
155	GND
159	MODE
160	GND

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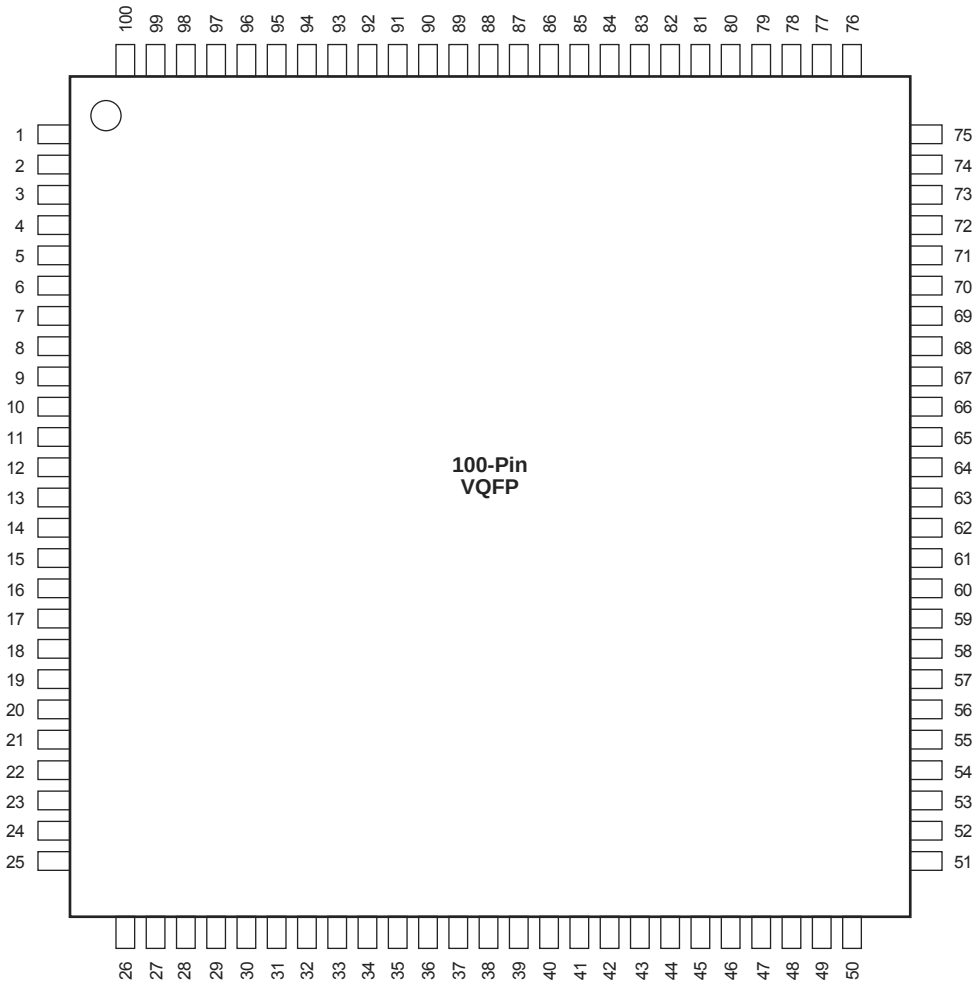

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TQ176		
Pin Number	**A1240A Function**	**A1280A Function**
1	GND	GND
2	MODE	MODE
8	NC	NC
10	NC	I/O
11	NC	I/O
13	NC	VCC
18	GND	GND
19	NC	I/O
20	NC	I/O
22	NC	I/O
23	GND	GND
24	NC	VCC
25	VCC	VCC
26	NC	I/O
27	NC	I/O
28	VCC	VCC
29	NC	I/O
33	NC	NC
37	NC	I/O
38	NC	NC
45	GND	GND
52	NC	VCC
54	NC	I/O
55	NC	I/O
57	NC	NC
61	NC	I/O
64	NC	I/O
66	NC	I/O
67	GND	GND
68	VCC	VCC
74	NC	I/O
77	NC	NC
78	NC	I/O
80	NC	I/O

TQ176		
Pin Number	**A1240A Function**	**A1280A Function**
82	NC	VCC
86	NC	I/O
87	SDO	SDO
89	GND	GND
96	NC	I/O
97	NC	I/O
101	NC	NC
103	NC	I/O
106	GND	GND
107	NC	I/O
108	NC	I/O
109	GND	GND
110	VCC	VCC
111	GND	GND
112	VCC	VCC
113	VCC	VCC
114	NC	I/O
115	NC	I/O
116	NC	VCC
121	NC	NC
124	NC	I/O
125	NC	I/O
126	NC	NC
133	GND	GND
135	SDI, I/O	SDI, I/O
136	NC	I/O
140	NC	VCC
143	NC	I/O
144	NC	I/O
145	NC	NC
147	NC	I/O
151	NC	I/O
152	PRA, I/O	PRA, I/O
154	CLKA, I/O	CLKA, I/O

TQ176		
Pin Number	**A1240A Function**	**A1280A Function**
155	VCC	VCC
156	GND	GND
158	CLKB, I/O	CLKB, I/O
160	PRB, I/O	PRB, I/O
161	NC	I/O
165	NC	NC
166	NC	I/O
168	NC	I/O
170	NC	VCC
173	NC	I/O
175	DCLK, I/O	DCLK, I/O

Notes:

1. NC denotes no connection.
2. All unlisted pin numbers are user I/Os.
3. MODE pin should be terminated to GND through a 10K resistor to enable Actionprobe usage; otherwise it can be terminated directly to GND.

CQ172	
Pin Number	**A1280A Function**
1	MODE
7	GND
12	VCC
17	GND
22	GND
23	VCC
24	VCC
27	VCC
32	GND
37	GND
50	VCC
55	GND
65	GND
66	VCC
75	GND
80	VCC
85	SDO
98	GND
103	GND
106	GND

CQ172	
Pin Number	**A1280A Function**
107	VCC
108	GND
109	VCC
110	VCC
113	VCC
118	GND
123	GND
131	SDI, I/O
136	VCC
141	GND
148	PRA, I/O
150	CLKA, I/O
151	VCC
152	GND
154	CLKB, I/O
156	PRB, I/O
161	GND
166	VCC
171	DCLK, I/O

Notes:

1. All unlisted pin numbers are user I/Os.
2. MODE pin should be terminated to GND through a 10K resistor to enable Actionprobe usage; otherwise it can be terminated directly to GND.

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